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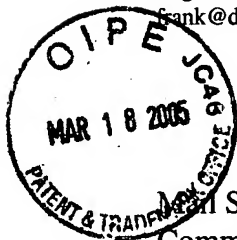
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Re: **Status Inquiry**
Applicant: Kristin M. Shaffer
Invention: Trash Receptacle
Application No. 10/821,733
Filing Date: 04/08/2004
Group Art Unit: 3721
Our File: SHAK102

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please provide me with the status of the above-referenced utility patent application. Our last correspondence with the Patent Office was the filing receipt dated June 28, 2004. I have attached a copy for your convenience.

Thank you.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S.M. Nipper", enclosed within a large, loopy circular flourish.

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